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SPRING SPECIALS - March-April-May, 1954

HYBRID ORCHID SEED & AGAR (Special # 1)

Your opportunity to try seed flasking without investing a lot of money. Where else can you buy \$25.00 worth of fresh, viable Orchid seed (five crosses, covering five different colors) plus the Orchid Agar for planting, plus the Calcium hypochlorite for sterilizing -- all for \$15.00?

The FIVE TWO-FLASK PACKETS, each correctly labelled, will give you the following color range: White, White-Colored-Lip, Light Rose-Lavender, Dark Red-Purple, Yellow. They will be limited to C., Lc., Bc., or Blc. hybrids, with no botanicals or oddities, but all top quality crosses.

Sufficient dry Orchid Agar (same formula used for our own flasks) for preparing the ten flasks will be included in this offer. (See Pages A & B for instructions)

With even a modest degree of success, your \$15.00 investment should result in at least \$100.00 worth of Hybrid Orchid Seedlings in flasks in a few months!

NOTE: The enclosed Order Blank is for your convenience in ordering this, or any other of the 1954 SPRING SPECIALS.

COMMUNITY-POT-LOTS "BARE ROOT" (Special # 2)

If seed sowing sounds too difficult, or you feel two whole flasks of a cross will be too many seedlings of a kind, why not try planting a few community pots?

In this special, you buy three community-pot-lots (20 or more bare root seedlings of each); plus the potting mix for planting them, for \$10.00!

They fly to you by Air Mail Prepaid, in little cotton-lined jewel boxes. You will have skipped the first two stages, ie, sowing the seed, and transplanting from flask to flask, and gain approximately one year in growing time.

Just follow instructions on Pages D-1 and T.

The three crosses on this offering are as follows:

#757 C. DANIEL RYERSON X BC HARTLAND - Good production of heavy textured medium to dark red-plum blooms for mid-Winter season.

#758 LC CANHAMIANA ALBA X B. DIGBYANA - Very large White or White-Colored-Lip "Brasso" blooms for May-June season.

#762 C. BICOLOR X C. LEDA - Yellows, bronzes and brilliant reds should appear in this cross of heavy-textured cluster type, 4 to 6-inch blooms. Fall-Winter.

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SEEDLINGS IN INDIVIDUAL POTS (Special # 3)

The following six hybrids in 1 3/4-inch or 2-inch pots are offered as a group, including White, White-Col.-Lip, Yellow, Colored Brasso, Colored Lc and one novelty. NO broken lots, nor substitutions, the special price being for the well rounded seedling collection. ALL SIX - \$9.00.

#67 LC NEW YORK ALBA X C. LABIATA ALBA - Fall White-Colored-Lip.

#75 C. EMILY SHILL X C. LADY VEITCH X C. BOWBELLS - Quality White, Winter, Spring.

#137 C. IRIS (Bicolor X Dowiana) - Autumn Yellow or green-yellow.

#139 B. NODOSA X L. CRISPA - Fragrant novelty cluster.

#675 C. REMY CHOLET X BC HARTLAND - Red-plum Brasso; twice yearly.

#697 LC WESTWOOD X LC LUDGATE - Large, dark; Winter.

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VANDA SEEDLINGS IN INDIVIDUAL POTS (Special # 4)

Treat your Vanda seedlings right, and they will not only outgrow your Cattleyas, but when they start blooming, will bloom again and again during the year - a profusion of long lasting flowers, with wide range of colors. (See Page Q)

The following Hybrid Vanda seedlings in 2-inch pots are offered as a group; one seedling of each cross - ALL FIVE - \$6.00.

V-26 V. HONOLULU - Wide color range from grey-blue and pink to raspberry red, with maroon markings.

V-63 V. BURGEFII - Practically ever flowering, large plants averaging over 100 blooms per year. Light pink; brown markings.

V-129 V. KALALAU - Small, well rounded clear Yellow flowers with red zone on green lip.

V-140 V. GILBERT TRIBOULET X V. AGNES JOAQUIM - Semi-terete type, producing pale blue-lavender flowers with nice flat form, larger than Miss Joaquim.

V-198 V. MANILA X V. CLARA S. FISHER - A profusion of well formed bright pink flowers with maroon to brown markings.

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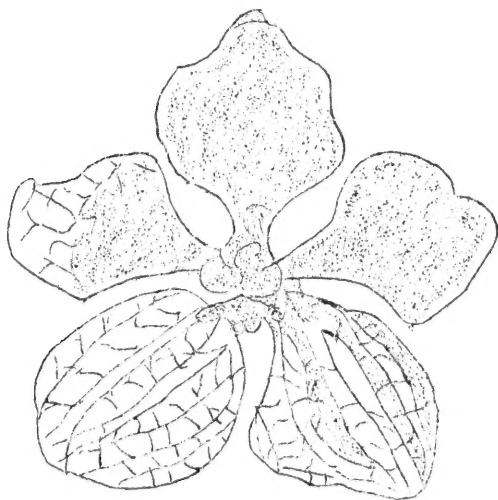
MATURE, BLOOMING SIZE VANDA HYBRID (Special # 5)

Those of you who missed out on the Mature Vanda Special last time, are being offered another chance! Even if you bought before, chances are you did not receive this hybrid as your SAMPLE plant, for not many of them were coming into flower at that time. It is V-24 - V. DENISONIANA VAR HEBRIACUM X V. SANDERIANA.

Many plants of this hybrid are now beginning to produce their flower spikes, so if you want to see yours in flower in the very near future, don't delay in sending your order. Of course, Vanda Hybrids, blooming several times per year, as they do, will not keep you waiting too long for flowers anyhow, if you treat them right. (See Page Q and Page V)

The flowers of this hybrid have been more uniform in form, size and color than in most of the other hybrids. Individual flowers are two to three inches across on first blooming, considerably larger after plant matures. Nice, open, flat form, with sepals and petals evenly spaced. Network of rustic brown lines and cross-bars on chartreuse-yellow background. Extra heavy texture makes the flowers very long lasting, even for Vandas.

Bloom spikes start out from the apex of the "V" formed by a pair of the strap leaves. Spring the leaves apart a bit in looking for it. First spike usually has seven to ten flowers. Later spikes have more flowers.



Three or five of these flowers will make a corsage you can wear again and again, without its looking "beaten up".

Cut stems with razor blade, "load" in fresh water and chill in refrigerator. Then if you put a tiny dab of moist cotton over each stem and before it is wired and taped, you will increase the lasting qualities.

Would you like some double-faced ribbon, brown on one side, chartreuse on the other, for a corsage bow? Ask for it when ordering your plant of V-24, and it will be included, along with wire, tape and corsage pin.

Price per plant (while they last) during April, May and June.....\$15.00

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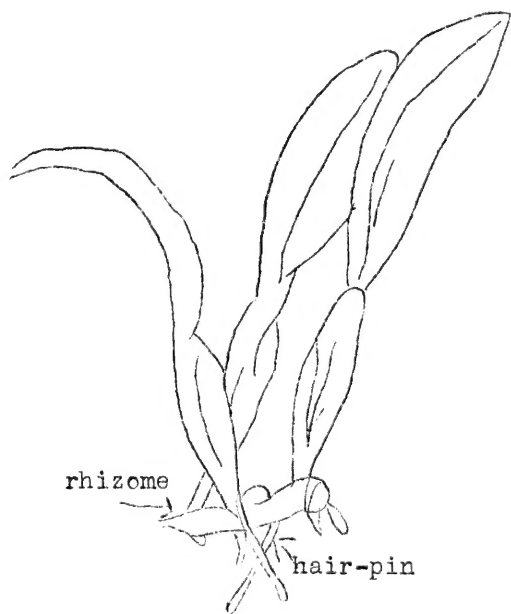
HYBRID BACK BULB CUTTINGS (Special # 6)

Are you one of the many Orchidists who have discovered an easy and economical way to round out your collection of blooming size hybrids with BACK BULBS?

Almost any husky two-bulb cutting with a "live eye" can be grown and flowered in two years. (Some will even produce a bloom or two at the end of the first year!)

If you have never tried back bulbs, Page J, "LET'S TALK ABOUT BACK BULB PROPAGATION", should prove helpful.

But this particular offering of cuttings need not be lined up in trays of chips or moss in order to start them. Each and every cutting can be potted promptly, if you will study drawings "A" and "B" and follow directions.



DRAWING "A"

1. Choose a pot large enough (but no larger) to allow room at front of cutting for two more leads. Fill pot one-third full of broken crock.

2. Prepare a "slice" of osmunda which, when rolled up, will snugly fill rest of pot to about 3/4 inch from rim at top.

3. Place 2-inch bent wire "hair-pin" over strongest part of cutting's rhizome. Use pliers to force the hair-pin's prongs to cross each other under rhizome. (See Drawing "A")

4. Pull hair-pin down so top loop rests on top of rhizome. Wrap osmunda slice (with most fibers vertical) around prong of hair-pin and, if cutting has some roots, around them.

5. Make sure neither rhizome nor "eye" is partially buried in osmunda. Push roll of osmunda, hair-pin and roots, into pot until it rests on crock. If not snug, work in additional bits of osmunda at front of plant. Never try to center

the cutting, for it will grow in one direction only, so room must be left at front for the new growth. Push wire stake into osmunda at back of plant and tie bulbs so they stand upright. Is plant firm? If it wobbles when pot is moved, new roots will break fast as they form.

Every cutting will be correctly labelled with its hybrid name, but as there are no more than one dozen of any given cross, no listing can be offered for you to choose from.

While I will do my best to send you a good, balanced assortment, actual selection of hybrids must be left to my judgment.

All are husky Cattleya, Lc, Bc, or Blc hybrid cuttings with live eyes. If properly handled, each should bloom within two years, but since I will have no control over the handling of them, no guarantee can be made as to how they will perform for you.

SPECIAL SPRING PRICES:

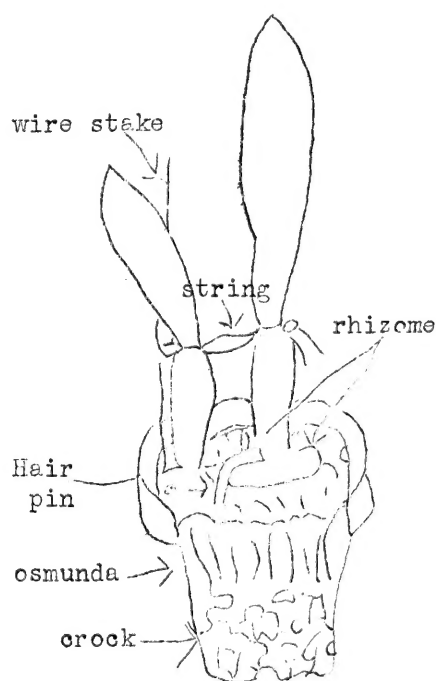
Six Hybrid Cuttings: 2 White, 1 White-Col-Lip,
3 Colored - ALL SIX - \$9.00.

Three sets of six each, as above.....\$25.00

Included, will be Osmunda slices, wire "hair-pins" and stakes, ready for planting the cuttings you order.

Shipment will be via Insured Parcel Post, provided Customer agrees to refund postal charges.

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DRAWING "B"

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